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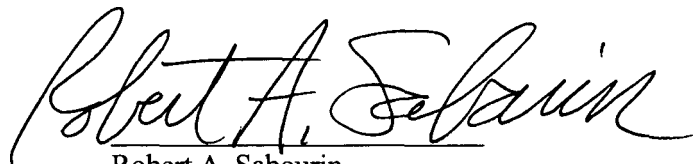
Applicant lists, provides copies, and provides concise explanations of the following references recently discovered related to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application.

1. U.S. Patent no. 6,130,702 issued October 10, 2000 to Ganton discloses a method for reliable loading of unexposed printing plates.
2. U.S. Patent no. 6,000,337 issued December 14, 1999 to Blake et al. discloses a method and apparatus for an automated plate handler with elevator and table support mechanism.
3. U.S. Patent no. 5,791,250 issued August 11, 1998 to Blake et al. discloses a method and apparatus for an automatic plate handler with slip sheet removal mechanism.
4. U.S. Patent no. 5,655,452 issued August 12, 1997 to Blake et al. discloses a method and apparatus for an automatic plate handler with slip sheet removal mechanism.
5. U.S. Patent no. 5,809,360 issued September 15, 1998 to Blake et al. discloses a cassette for storing and accessing plates within an automated plate handler.
6. U.S. Patent no. 5,176,081 issued January 5, 1993 to Buus discloses a method and apparatus for individual transport of offset printing plates.
7. U.S. Patent no. 4,082,455 issued April 4, 1978 discloses a plate making system.
8. U.S. Patent no. 5,785,309 issued July 28, 1998 to Halup et al. discloses an automatic plate feeding system and method.

9. U.S. Patent application publication no. 2001/0052220 to Usui et al. published December 20, 2001 discloses an automatic plate making machine equipped with photosensitive printing plate supplying apparatus and printing plate packaging means.
10. U.S. Patent application publication no. 2002/0047234 to Ono et al. published April 25, 2002 discloses a sheet feeder and sheet feeding method for plate-shaped members.
11. U.S. Patent no. 4,260,234 issued April 7, 1981 to Burton discloses media transporters for a phototypesetter processor.
12. U.S. Patent no. 5,657,692 issued August 19, 1997 to Theriault et al. discloses removable supply and uptake assemblies for lithographic plate materials.
13. EP 0 712 729 published March 6, 2002 to Kawai et al. discloses a feeding unit for forwarding consumed stencil paper to a predetermined scrapping position in stencil printing machines and the like.

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